multi-pronged strategy for addressing the problems of educational backwardness of the Muslim community and for improving the access to credit for minorities. The statement is also available on the Ministry of Minority Affairs website *www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.*

(c) Five communities have been notified as minorities under section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. Other backward classes who are socially and economically backward, are notified by State and Central Government.

Consideration of *Dalit* Muslims in SC/ST categories

1008. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any recommendations from the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities to the effect that *dalit* Muslims should be considered as belonging to the SC/ST categories; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) are under consideration.

Percentage of Muslims in Government services

1009: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of Muslims employed in Government services, and specially in the judiciary is far below their share in the population, as per the data compiled by the Sachar Commission to look into the status of the Muslims in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each State; and

(c) the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) The report of the Sachar Committee was laid on the Table of the House on 30.11.2006. Chapter 9 of the report contains information on employment of Muslims in Government and in the judiciary. The report is also available on the Ministry of Minority Affairs website *www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.* A number of decision have been taken, as detailed in the Statement on the follow-up action on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee, laid on the Table of the House on 31.8.2007, to improve the educational status of Muslims and improve the representation of minorities in services.

Recommendations of Sachar Committee

1010. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared a blue print to implement the recommendations of Sachar Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some districts have been declared as minority dominant in this work;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) which department has been assigned the responsibility to implement these recommendations; and

(f) the details of the action to be taken and budget allocation to be made for implementation of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) to (f) A statement regarding the decisions taken on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee, has been laid on the Table of the House on 31.08.2007. 90 districts have been identified as Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs), details of which are available on the website *www.minorityaffairs.gov.in*. Yet, the list is herein enclosed as Statement. (*See* below) Budgetary provisions are made by the Ministries/Departments concerned responsible for implementation of the decisions. Ministry of Minority Affairs, apart from being responsible for implementation of a number of decision, is also the nodal ministry for coordination and monitoring.

Statement

List of Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs)

Sl.No.	State	District
1	2	3
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	Nicobar
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	East Kameng
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Lower Subansiri
4.	Arunachal Pradesh	Changlang
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tirap
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tawang
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	West Kameng
8.	Arunachal Pradesh	Papum Pare
9.	Assam	North Cachar Hills
10.	Assam	Kokrajhar
11.	Assam	Dhubri
12.	Assam	Goalpara
13.	Assam	Bongaigaon
14.	Assam	Barpeta
15.	Assam	Darrang
16.	Assam	Marigaon
17.	Assam	Nagaon
18.	Assam	Cachar
19.	Assam	Karimganj
20.	Assam	Hailakandi
21.	Assam	Kamrup

1	2	3
22.	Bihar	Araria
23.	Bihar	Kishanganj
24.	Bihar	Purnia
25.	Bihar	Katihar
26.	Bihar	Sitamarhi
27.	Bihar	Pashchim Champaran
28.	Bihar	Darbhanga
29.	Delhi	North East
30.	Haryana	Gurgaon
31.	Haryana	Sirsa
32.	Jammu and Kashmir	Leh (Ladakh)
33.	Jharkhand	Ranchi
34.	Jharkhand	Gumla
35.	Jharkhand	Sahibganj
36.	Jharkhand	Pakaur
37.	Karnataka	Gulbarga
38.	Karnataka	Bidar
39.	Kerala	Wayanad
40.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
41.	Maharashtra	Buldana
42.	Maharashtra	Washim
43.	Maharashtra	Hingoli
44.	Maharashtra	Parbhani
45.	Manipur	Senapati
46.	Manipur	Tamenglong
47.	Manipur	Churachandpur
48.	Manipur	Ukhrul
49.	Manipur	Chandel
50.	Manipur	Thoubal
51.	Meghalaya	West Garo Hills
52.	Mizoram	Lawngtlai
53.	Mizoram	Mamit
54.	Sikkim	North
55.	Orissa	Gajapati
56.	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
57.	Uttar Pradesh	Saharanpur
58.	Uttar Pradesh	Muzaffarnagar
59.	Uttar Pradesh	Meerut
60.	Uttar Pradesh	Baghpat
61.	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad
62.	Uttar Pradesh	Bulandshahar
63.	Uttar Pradesh	Budaun
64.	Uttar Pradesh	Barabanki
65.	Uttar Pradesh	Kheri
66.	Uttar Pradesh	Shahjahanpur
67.	Uttar Pradesh	Moradabad

1	2	3
68.	Uttar Pradesh	Rampur
69.	Uttar Pradesh	Jyotiba Phule Nagar
70.	Uttar Pradesh	Bareilly
71.	Uttar Pradesh	Pilibhit
72.	Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich
73.	Uttar Pradesh	Shrawasti
74.	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur
75.	Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar
76.	Uttar Pradesh	Bijnor
77.	Uttaranchal	Udham Singh Nagar
78.	Uttaranchal	Hardwar
79.	West Bengal	Uttar Dinajpur
80.	West Bengal	Dakshin Dinajpur
81.	West Bengal	Maldah
82.	West Bengal	Murshidabad
83.	West Bengal	Birbhum
84.	West Bengal	Nadia
85.	West Bengal	South 24-Parganas
86.	West Bengal	Barddhaman
87.	West Bengal	Koch Bihar
88.	West Bengal	Howrah
89.	West Bengal	North 24-Parganas
90.	West Bengal	Kolkata

Recommendations of Sachar Committee

1011. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is one of the Sachar Committee's recommendation that madarsas be linked with the higher secondary school boards and the degrees from these madarsas be recognized for eligibility in civil and banking examinations;

(b) whether the above recommendation has been accepted;

(c) if so, whether any measures have been taken so far to implement the same;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not accepting the recommendation and also for not taking up the accepted recommendation for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) As reported by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, University Grants Commission (UGC) has been requested to work out the modalities so that all universities could be encouraged to recognize qualifications from madarsas, for the purposes of enrolment, on the pattern followed by Aligarh Muslim University, Jamia Millia Islamia University and Jamia Hamdard University, in appropriate courses and programmes of study. Similarly, a committee of experts of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and